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Every morning a neighbor raises the Stars and Stripes on his tall home-made flagpole. He raises it only half-way and waits a few minutes then hoists it to its peak. Someone asked him why he did this. He replied, "I always wait until I hear a car coming. In this way I share a privilege with about 500 persons a year. "It gives their day a good start, too."

-Waite W. Worden
(East Haven, Vt.)

SUNDAY, JULY 4

In Christ

READ EPHESIANS 1:7-8

Bible Thought: "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27).

ACCORDING to Ephesians 1:3-14, Christians are in Christ. To be in Christ is to be in union with Christ. "He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:17). Paul taught that the disciple and his Savior experience a real union just as a man and woman experience union in marriage (1 Corinthians 6:12-20). The fact that we are united with Christ spiritually does not mean the union is unreal. It is a real spiritual union. There is an affinity or fusion of Christ and the Christian's spirit.

In Christ we have redemption or forgiveness. Anyone who does not share this union with Jesus cannot receive the benefit of his redemptive work. So it is vitally important to learn how to get into Christ where forgiveness may be obtained. We are baptized *into* Christ (Romans 6:3, Galatians 3:27). It is imperative that all men believe in Jesus and be baptized to be saved (Mark 16:16). Are you in union with Christ? Have you experienced real forgiveness? Now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way."

Father, help us to give ourselves in obedience to thy will and then may we be used in bringing others to the Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen.

—JIMMY ALLEN



"We've come to you with this problem, Father Denton, since you're our spiritual leader."

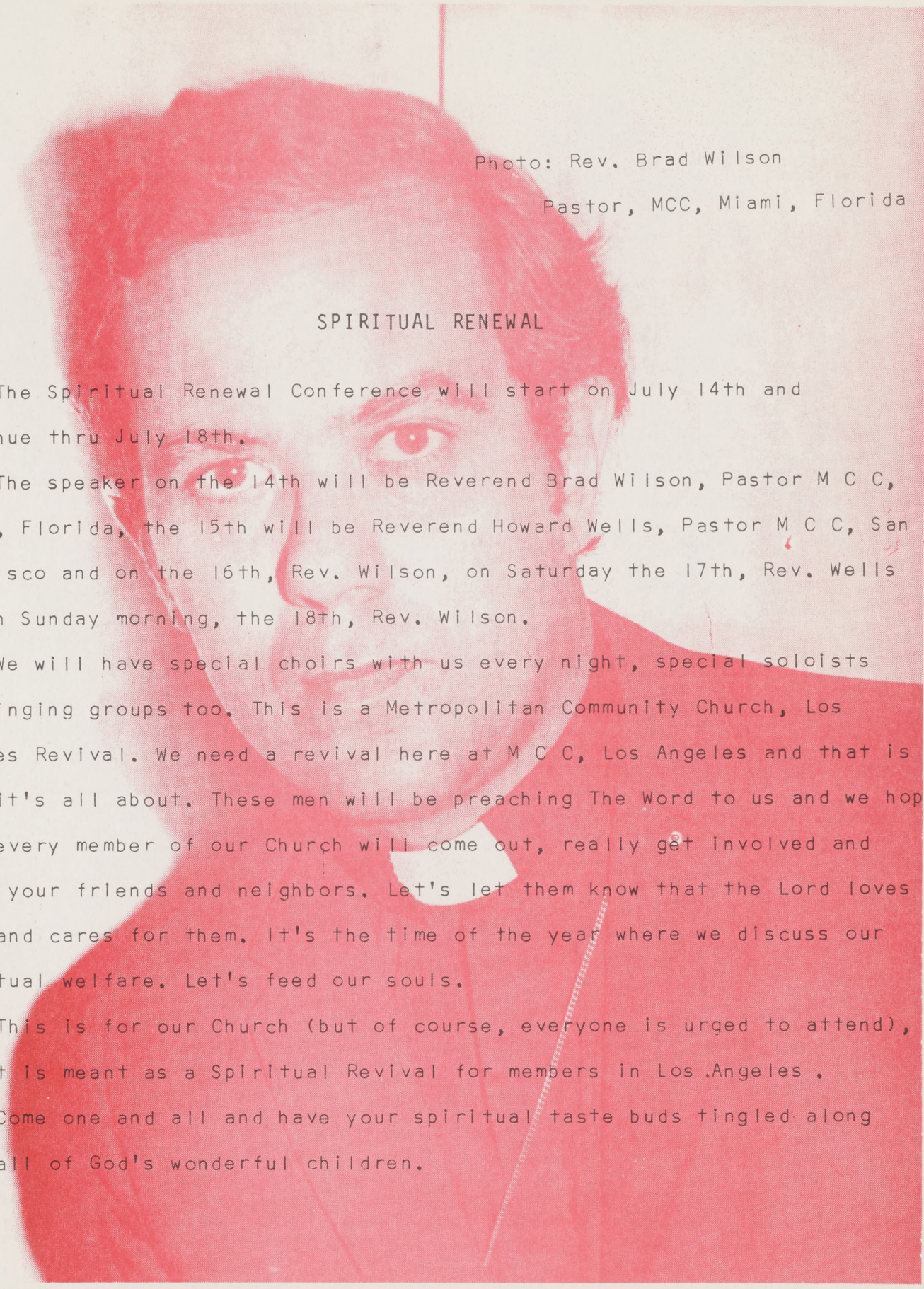


Photo: Rev. Brad Wilson

Pastor, MCC, Miami, Florida

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

The Spiritual Renewal Conference will start on July 14th and continue thru July 18th.

The speaker on the 14th will be Reverend Brad Wilson, Pastor M C C, Miami, Florida, the 15th will be Reverend Howard Wells, Pastor M C C, San Francisco and on the 16th, Rev. Wilson, on Saturday the 17th, Rev. Wells and on Sunday morning, the 18th, Rev. Wilson.

We will have special choirs with us every night, special soloists and singing groups too. This is a Metropolitan Community Church, Los Angeles Revival. We need a revival here at M C C, Los Angeles and that is what it's all about. These men will be preaching The Word to us and we hope that every member of our Church will come out, really get involved and bring your friends and neighbors. Let's let them know that the Lord loves them and cares for them. It's the time of the year where we discuss our spiritual welfare. Let's feed our souls.

This is for our Church (but of course, everyone is urged to attend), but it is meant as a Spiritual Revival for members in Los Angeles.

Come one and all and have your spiritual taste buds tingled along with all of God's wonderful children.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW SUNDAY - GAY PRIDE WEEK

by Al Correa

Last Sunday, being the day of the Christopher Street West Parade, the air was highly charged. The congregation was crowded with the faces of many members visiting from San Diego, San Francisco, Fresno, Sacramento and San Jose. From out of the state, there were visitors from Denver, Utah, Missouri, Ohio, Chicago and Australia.

Deacon Tom Purcell opened the service, asking "...What is the difference between an ordinary church member and a true Christian?" He said he was formerly just a churchgoer, attending intermittently; he was also more self-repressed. He then made a beautiful statement, in saying: "I can no longer protect my own comfort while any of my sisters and brothers are oppressed." He said he would march tonight, proud and tall, not with malice, but with the love of Jesus in his heart. "Patrick Henry said 'Give me Liberty or give me Death!' I say: 'Let me be a doer among my fellow Christians!'"

Walter Craig directed the Chancel Choir this morning. The opening hymn was, appropriately, "Lead On, Oh King Eternal, the Day of March has Come".

Asst. Pastor John Hose then welcomed us with the following message which, alone, was worth coming to Church for: "And God said unto Moses 'I will give you a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to lead you out of bondage. Through the wilderness of misunderstanding.'"

"On the Long March this past week, no cloud, but a way out from under the cloud of ignorance, prejudice and misunderstanding. The pillar of fire was the fire in the marchers' own hearts for justice, understand-

ing and true brotherhood. But, as hundreds witnessed before the State Capitol, God did make His presence known!"

He then quoted the prophesy: "I shall send a sign unto you, an aura, a rainbow crown." Continuing, Rev. Hose then said: "We didn't make the sun stand still, but as sure as I stand here, a phenomenon occurred." He then described the curious halo which surrounded the Capitol Dome while we conducted our protest. Summing up, Rev. Hose said: "And let it be a sign unto you, thou Sacramento of California, that out of the South, North, East and West shall come my people, and because they are my people, you shall no longer stand against brother, but all men shall be seen as Children of God, and this will be the Day of the Lord!"

Father Mark Harding of Denver, Colorado, led us in the responsive reading. Followed by Rev. Ploen who led us in the silent and pastoral prayer, saying: "We rejoice in thy love...there are times when we are oppressed with our own sense of inadequacy..Give us the patience that waits heroically. Be near us when we meet the crowning mystery of death. We believe that, to those who love the Lord, death is just another event. With thy great loving kindness, hear our prayer."

Our Pastor then preached his sermon, telling us "In the Old Testament, we read of a King who disobeyed God. Belshazzar gave a party for a thousand of his nobles. After awhile, he gave orders to get the vessels of silver and gold which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the sanctuary at Jerusalem. So he and his nobles, his concubines and his courtesans, might drink from them. Using these vessels from the sanctuary in the house of God, the King and court drank from them, and praising the gods of gold and silver, of bronze and iron, and of wood and stone. Suddenly, there appeared the fingers of a human hand writing on the plaster of the palace wall. The King got upset by the hand writing -- nobody knew what it meant. Then in came the Queen, who suggested the King call in Daniel to interpret." Pausing, our Pastor said,

"Every once in awhile, it's a Queen that shows me the way too."

"Daniel read the inscription as:

God has numbered the days of your Kingdom and brought it to an end; You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting."

"This last week" continued Rev. Perry, "I saw some handwriting on the wall; we went through some small towns on the march, not knowing how people were going to receive us." To their surprise, everyone along the way was courteous and friendly, no problems occurred with any citizens of the small towns. Their only unpleasant experience was with a camera crew attempting to film them for a sexploitation movie; Rev. Perry said their persistence made it difficult for the marchers to maintain a position of non-violence.

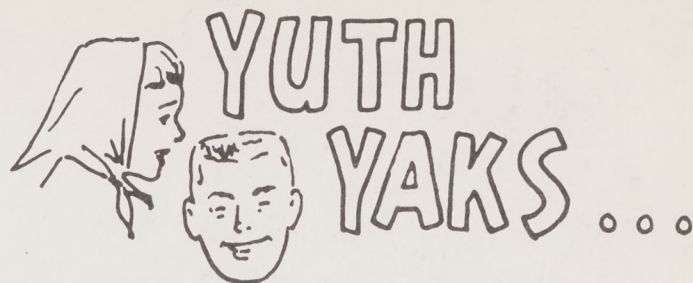
At the Capitol, he said, "...we didn't have the numbers we expected, but we had something better! We had the presence of God!" He then described the aura around the Capitol Dome, saying "I can't help but feel it was God's sign of approval." Concluding, he said "State of California, you've been weighed in the balance and found wanting."

The Crescendos then sang "The Lord's Prayer" which was followed by Communion.

"ROPE"

This is the final week to get your tickets for the Metropolitan Players production of "Rope". This will be presented in our Horseshoe Theatre this coming Friday and Saturday July 9th and 10th at 8:00 PM. The donation is \$3.00. This money is to be used to equip our theatre with lighting equipment and a stage. We need your support and your money, so let's see you there.

"ROPE" is a very fine drama of suspense and the cast has been working extremely hard to make this a presentation to be proud of. YOU WILL ENJOY IT!



GAY IS GREAT

June 20th thru June 27th is one week that I won't forget, for a few days, any way.

The Christopher Street West Parade being the climax of the whole week, in my own personal opinion. Our section was the best groomed and showed the best taste, if I do say so myself. Spider was right when he said that our float would knock their hats, caps, wigs, or whatever right off their heads. I passed out church invitations and so I caught many of the good and bad comments from the people. Many of the bad comments had to be based on ignorance. Some of them made me a little angry or should I say ill at ease.

When I gave them the invitation, some of them would say things like, "No, thank you", (one of the better ones), or "I think you're nuts". But the one that I found most harsh was when you gave them to a group of straights, obviously to the man in the group or one of the men in their group, one would say something classic like, "He likes you", or something to that effect.

I'm glad that all of the youth group agrees with me in that we wanted to have something in the parade, but we understand why we couldn't. Maybe next year there won't be any hangups and MCC-YG will be able to do their thing also down Hollywood Boulevard or wherever.

Don't forget your Youth Group is meeting every 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month and our "Rap" sessions are every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. All you folks ages 13-20 come together with us and help us keep being our sisters' sister.

Peace,
Ray Hicks, MCC-LA
Youth Group Sec.



BILLY GRAHAM'S OAKLAND CRUSADE

The Oakland Colosseum hosts Dr. Billy Graham's Oakland Crusade on July 24th at 6:30 PM. MCC-LA has 25 tickets reserved for any Los Angelenos wishing to attend. Please see Connie in the Publications Office for your reservation tickets.

Billy Graham has stated that we in MCC are welcomed to his services. While listening to an interview on TV with Dr. Graham, our Editor heard Billy being asked, "What about homosexuals?", and he said, "They are God's children too!" So, if he can give us support, let's give him the same. We DO have the same God. Maybe if we show him a good turnout from our several MCC parishes, he might bless us with his presence in Los Angeles MCC. The MCC-San Francisco, will be joining us there and together we will have 150 seats for MCC parishes.

Bring your banners! If anyone going wants to stay overnight to attend the Sunday service, there will be assistance available for housing. If you plan to fly, the Oakland Airport is within shouting distance of the Colosseum.

Larry Porter, MCC-San Francisco, wishes to personally thank everyone at MCC-LA for a wonderful experience and wish you all God's speed.

If you really wish to attend Billy Graham's Crusade, make your reservations as soon as possible.



DALE HOLLAND BRIGHTENS DARK MOOD OF "ROPE"

The night is murky. A foul mood of murder creeps over the nervous household just before an eerie thunderstorm breaks. Under this dark mood of hostility and sadistic taunting, in sweeps Dale Holland, sunny as a friendly smile, brightening the play "Rope" as he did the play, "Fashion". The contrast heightens the somberness of the tense, strange goings-on.

Dale is assisted by haughty, pre-tentious Joan Lewis, so P-elegant and nelly, the program needs a footnote that Joan's a lovely girl, not a queen laying it on in drag.

Pipe-smoking Bill King is touchingly concerned about the murder of his beautiful 20-year old boy. Bill has a pro background of acting and appeared in SPREE's "Will Success Spoil Rat Rocco?" Between moments in rehearsal, Bill is working on a large needlepoint of his own design.

Lyle Page in his usual dependable, tenacious way, is getting the play whipped into shape on schedule. Mike Sandusky has bought the parts for the light board and is well-on with construction. Hank Williams has purchased wood for platforms and has the portable stage under construction.

Tickets are available for \$3.00 for the July 9th and 10th, Friday and Saturday performances in the horseshoe room of the church. Join us and be spooked for fun.

Don Showman

PRAYERS

OH GOOD LORD - MAKE ME STOUT OF HEART.

OH GOOD LORD - LET MY SIGHT PENETRATE THE INTERMOST THINGS.

OH GOOD LORD - GIVE ME POWER TO SPEAK YOUR WORD.

OH GOOD LORD - LET MY WORDS BE HARKENED TO.

OH GOOD LORD - DRIVE THE EVIL SPIRIT FROM ME.

OH GOOD LORD - GIVE ME SUCCESS IN DOING YOUR WORK.

OH GOOD LORD - LET ME HOLD ALL OF THESE THINGS IN MY HEART.

OH GOOD LORD - NEVER LEAVE ME.

VALLEY VIEW

Tuesday, June 22, the Valley Parish welcomed the Rev. Ron Hayes as guest speaker. Many of our members have seen Ron's slides on Peru, for those of you who have not, it is a treat that will be long remembered. We had an extremely good meeting with almost 30 people attending.

In July our meetings will be held at the home of Tony Du Bois:

13127 Archwood Street
North Hollywood
980-5355 (for directions)

July 13: Our guest speaker will be Jim Miller, who will be telling us of his trip to the Holy Land.

July 27: We will have a pot-luck dinner and pool party. We welcome all our brothers and sisters to both meetings.

Anyone planning to attend the pot-luck dinner, please contact:

C. Shawn Farrell,
Valley Deputy Deaconess,
764-3709 or 875-0419

We expect a large turnout, and would like to be able to plan our evening accordingly.

The Valley Parish



IS GAY GOOD?

"ORANGE COUNTY GAY DAY"

Beach Party - Picnic near the Brookhurst Gate of Huntington Beach State Park.

Fun in the sun anytime after the sun burns through the fog. Ride the waves. Live it up!

7:00 PM

"Bring Your Own Meat Bar-B-Que"

Punch and salad provided by sponsoring organizations: Fullerton GSU, Christ Chapel MCC, USI, GSU, and Focus. 9 PM Gay Dance at Unitarian Universalist Church.

1259 Victoria Street,
Costa Mesa

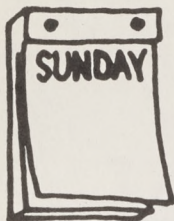
Just up the hill on Hamilton from Brookhurst. 50¢ donation for the dance to cover rent and snacks.

Come One - Come All!

Enjoy a day with your brothers and sisters in Orange County.

Bob Murphy

Have a nice day, M.C.C. News Staff!



Our Church Calendar

SUNDAY JULY 4TH

9:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
9:30 AM THE ACADEMY
9:30 AM BIBLE CLASS, MEN & WOMEN
10:30 AM SINGSPIRATION
10:30 AM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
10:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (Seminary Class Room)
Teacher: Steve Jordan
11:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
2:00 PM METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL
Church Parlor

7:00 PM EVENING SERVICE

MONDAY, JULY 5TH

7:30 PM GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (Church Bldg)

7:30 PM METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL
Church Parlor

TUESDAY, JULY 6TH

7:30 PM METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL

8:00 PM HOLLYWOOD PARISH MEETING
13 Summit Drive
Beverly Hills
Phone--276-1935

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7TH

7:30 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING
Main Sanctuary

7:30 PM METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL
Social Hall

8:00 PM THE LAVENDER LADIES
1833 N. Edgemong St.
For Info. Phone 664-8008

8:00 PM LONG BEACH PARISH MEETING
3401 Currie St
Long Beach Phone 633-8079

THURSDAY, JULY 8TH

7:00 PM MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA
In Church Parlor

7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:30 PM C.I.C. MEETING
Seminary Room

8:30 PM ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER MEETING
Church Social Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 9TH	7:30 PM	YOUTH GROUP MEETING (The Kool-Aids)
	8:00 PM	THE ROPE (HORSESHOE THEATRE)
SATURDAY, JULY 10TH	10:00 AM	CHURCH CLEANING
	8:00 PM	THE ROPE
	8:00 PM	SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP
SUNDAY, JULY 11TH	9:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
	9:30 AM	THE ACADEMY
	9:30 AM	NEW MEMBERSHIPS CLASS Church Parlor
	9:30 AM	BIBLE CLASS, MEN & WOMEN
	10:30 AM	SINGSPIRATION
	10:30 AM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	10:45 AM	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Seminary Class Room) Teacher: Steve Jordan
	11:00 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
	7:00 PM	EVENING SERVICE

MORE LACE DROPPED BY

THE LAVENDER LADIES

We were very glad to see as many people that showed up for our meeting this last week, and for the enthusiasm shown in the events we as a group have planned for the future.

The Lavender Ladies discussed the show that we have planned for August and we hope we can give the best show possible. We hope to provide some real gay entertainment.

Although we had a good turnout at our last meeting, we know that there are a lot more people here in Los Angeles that if given the chance would like to take part in our activities. So don't feel a bit embarrassed. Just come on and get in with the group. The Lavender Ladies are a real "IN" group and we can guarantee that you will have fun.

Rickie Hopkins (better known as LISA MARLO) and Blaine Oswald (also

known as LORI OSWALD) were in the parade on the King and Queen Float as Princesses of the MCC May Festival.

The ride down Hollywood Boulevard for Lisa and Lori was really a great joy! It gave them a sense of pride in that they were helping in their own little way to say to the whole community, that they were proud of being one of God's children and having so much love given to them by their friends.

Although we all, at some time, like to think of ourselves as something special and unique, I, Lori Oswald, think we all should take the time to thank God for having such a blessing as Rev. Troy D. Perry and that God saw fit to bring us all together into one fellowship that we know as M.C.C.

Yours in Christ,
The Lavender Ladies
by Lori Oswald

REMARKS BY LEO E. LAURENCE, from San Francisco, dressed in an Abe Lincoln costume, at the "Long March" Rally at the California State Capitol on Friday, June 26, 1971.

The Revolution isn't coming, it's here!

Our government will survive ONLY if it remains a government of, for, and by the people. That includes homosexuals! For me as a homosexual, America is NOT now a government of, for, and by the people...my people. ...GAY people. That must change if America is to survive the revolution.

I was sitting in a gay bar in Sacramento last night. Beside me was a handsome black homosexual. He said: "But the public isn't ready for homosexual civil rights!"

I disagree.

When the LONG MARCH went through "small-town USA," the tiny towns along the Sacramento river, the people, the public welcomed us warmly. We heard people call from porches with RIGHT ON! We had continuous - though unexpected - support and co-operation from the law enforcement agencies. The people told us they were ready for us.

The people welcomed avowed homosexuals marching through their towns.

The people showed us they were ready for open homosexual love.

I want gay legislators.

I want a gay Governor, or have our incumbent Governor come out of his closet!

If our government is to survive the revolution, it must again become a government of, for, and by the people...including homosexuals.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



"AND ALL OF YOU ARE CHILDREN OF
THE MOST HIGH" PSALM 82:6

People who are honestly trying to follow the spiritual life often make the mistake of being too hard on themselves. Because they do not seem to be progressing as fast as they would naturally like, or because they find themselves repeating some old fault which they thought they had completely overcome, they feel discouraged, and condemn themselves mercilessly.

All this is foolish. If you are doing your best to use what Truth you know, at present, you are doing all that you have a right to expect of yourself.

Don't be impatient with yourself - but this does not mean that you should be lazy or complacent. Handle yourself as a wise parent handles an obstreperous disorderly child - kindly patiently, but with gentle firmness, not expecting too much too quickly, but foreseeing inevitable growth and improvement.

Rev. Ken Jones

Dear Friends,

Having spent 3 1/2 of the most miserable years of my life in Los Angeles, I left this God-forsaken town. Now I realize it was I who had forgotten God and not He who had forgotten me. I praise God for MCC in Los Angeles. I know it will be a great blessing to many people. I wish to thank everyone for their kindness shown to me during this weekend. God really moved me and filled me with the Holy Spirit. It would really be nice to come back where a ready made church is, but this is not God's will. I am going back to San Francisco with a greater desire to do God's work there.

Please remember us in your prayers and you can be assured you will be in ours. Isn't Jesus Wonderful?

Yours in Christ,
Larry Porter, MCC-SF



The Youth Group of Christ Chapel MCC, Costa Mesa, held their first meeting at Huntington Beach State Park on Saturday, June 26. There were 4 of our youths who came to the first meeting, but we pray just as the Church started with a few, so we too must start the same way.

Mark Miller is the Pro-President as of now. He can be reached at 714-897-1898. Bob and Tom Murphy were asked to be the counselors by their Pastor, Rev. Harrison.

At our first meeting we discussed plans to get more of our youths interested. We ask our youths of LA to tell their friends in Orange Co. about our youth group and to come and join us at our next meeting. It is July 24th, the place to be announced.

For further information, call Mark Miller, 714-897-1898 or the Counselors Bob and Tom at 714-544-7027.

Let's get our youths together for an evening of fun, discussions, in a God loving way.

Bob Murphy



NORTH EAST PARISH

WAYNE BERGER'S BIRTHDAY CLUB

Jim Mason appointed Wayne as the head of the Birthday Club Committee. Please call or write all names and addresses and birthdate (month, day and year), if you wish. If you don't want to mention the year, the month and day will be sufficient.

Wayne will appreciate the names and addresses and birthdate, month, day and year of any members of the other Parishes. He will put all names and addresses and birthdates in his Birthday appointment calendar. He will also send each a beautiful birthday greeting and a surprise package to make each and every members' birthday or your Natal Day a happy one. Please help Wayne to make it a success. Call Wayne or write or visit him. Phone 257-0229. Call anytime, day or night, if you write, the address is 6200 Oak Crest Way, Los Angeles, CA 90042. You'll be glad you did.

Wayne R. Berger



"Your Honor, I'm no beatnik, I am a self-respecting bum..."



PHOTO by PAT ROCCO

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HORIZONTAL

- land off the coast of Asia Minor, where Paul and Timothy stopped
 6 Mistake
 11 Sister of Moses
 12 Stormed
 14 Esau's grandson. (Gen. 36 : 11)
 15 Famous mountain, near the site of ancient Troy
 17 City of Lycia, where Paul took ship for Rome. (Acts 27 : 5)
 18 Erase
 19 It is
 20 Departure
 21 Ex officio
 22 Great city of Assyria, between Nineveh and Calah
 24 Direction
 25 Reptile—seven Hebrew words are used in the Bible for this animal
 28 Military assistants
 31 Consummate bliss
- 32 Trinity
 34 Date palm; also, Absalom's sister
 37 On account of
 38 Materials made of threads spun by a worm. (Prov. 31 : 22)
 41 Depart
 42 A weight of Guinea
 45 Human beings of excellent character. (Isa. 46 : 8)
 46 Bleats
 48 Gold coin of Persia
 49 King of Judah, who destroyed his mother's idols
 50 Descendant of Judah
 51 City of Judah, which Achish gave to David. (I Sam. 27 : 6)
 53 Various insects or small mammals
 55 A relative
 56 Pertaining to a work on Norse mythology

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The Staff of MCC News would like to extend a very hearty WELCOME to the new members and friends received into our congregation today. Knowing what my membership in MCC means to me, I know what a red letter day it must be to you. The MCC News and the whole congregation wish you welcome and Gods' wonderful blessings to you and your friends.

Now is the time to get really involved in the many activities here at MCC. Some suggestions for you to consider:

If you have a desire to write, or type; if you have a flair or interest in the arts, finance, printing, graphics, sign painting, circulation or any of the other things it takes to put out our many publications, see Don Hughes. We have a monthly bulletin of all the MCC missions and Churches called In Unity. The weekly Church News and many other publishing fliers, bulletins, etc. takes many hours of time.

If you would like to sing, we have two choirs, the Chancel and the Gospel. Or you could form a duet or trio, like the Crescendos have. Anybody for a Barber Shop Quartet?

We have a dedicated group of Ushers and greeters who would love to have you join them. Are you interested in electronics, lighting, staging, etc?, See Willie Smith.

Can you appreciate the tremendous task of keeping our beautiful building clean and in repair? Painters,usters, cleaners, polishers, whatever, come and join us. Now is the time to get really involved, we NEED you and want your help. Don't be shy, just be here.

Bless you

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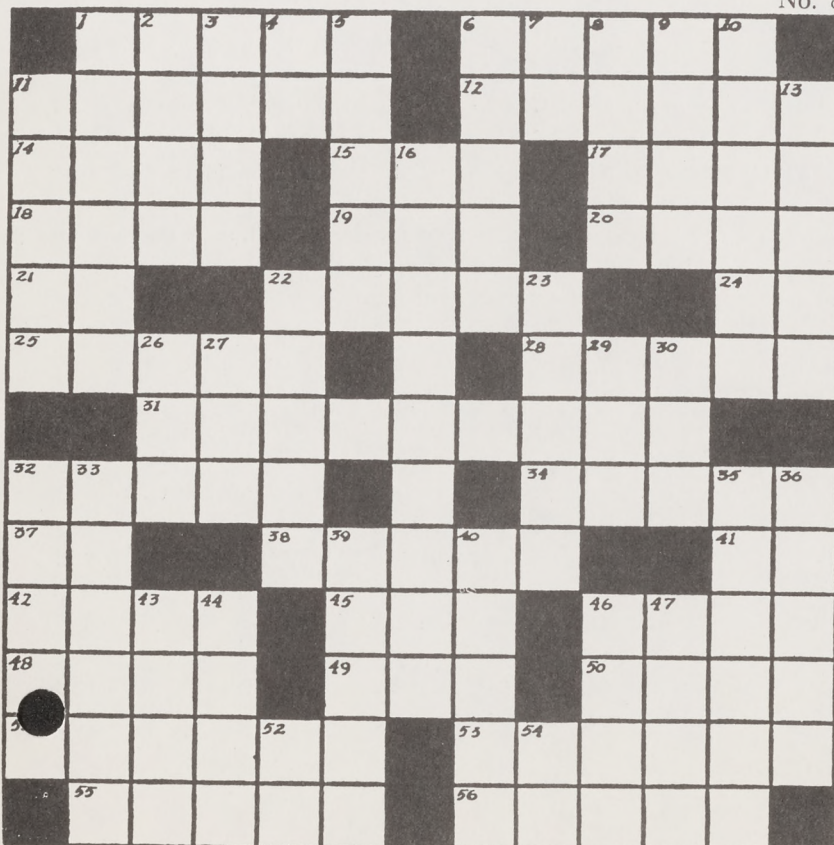
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- 1 Prophet who foretold Mary's heart-piercing sorrows
 2 Inland sea, East of the Caspian Sea
 3 Mud. (Ps. 40 : 2)
 4 Same as 37 horizontal
 5 Strike
 6 Obliterate
 7 God of the Sun
 8 Hoar-frost
 9 Precious stone in a high priest's breastplate. (Ex. 28 : 20)
 10 Rise again
 11 Fashions
 13 Fruit—raised in the Holy Land
 16 Apostles
 20 Crus. (Col. 4 : 16)
 23 Sea miles
 26 Daughter of Zechariah, and mother of Hezekiah
- 27 Large dull-green parrot
 29 With the guidance of God eternal (Lat.—Immortalis Dei Auspicio)
 30 Democratic
 32 Yellow semi-precious stone; one of the foundation stones
 33 Dried grape
 35 Fungus
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THIS IS A REPRINT FROM THE LA HERALD EXAMINER MONDAY JUNE 28.

"GAY POWER" PARADE IN HOLLYWOOD

Shouting "Gay Power! Say it Louder: Gay Power!" 250 admitted homosexuals, parents of homosexuals and supporters of a "Gay Pride Week" have staged a parade down Hollywood Boulevard.

About 3000 spectators, some holding flowers in support of "Gay Power" and others just watching, lined the boulevard last night for two hours as marchers holding hands, and many dressed as women paraded by. Nine floats were included in the parade. One man's sign read: "Preachers, Politicians, Policemen: Get Out of My Bedroom!"

Well, people, this is a lesson in "Don't believe everything you read." Another lesson in just how much the establishment holds down the press. They aren't free either. How many closet cases do we have in the press?

Funny how the media seems to always take the police's under estimations on the number of our gay gatherings. Are they using different counting systems? If there were really only 250 in the parade, they were probably too carried away watching us to get a true count. I say we had over 1,000 in the parade and over 10,000 watching!

From Highland Boulevard to Argyle Street, there are 10 other streets crossing Hollywood Boulevard. This makes a parade route of eleven gay blocks, some short, some extra long. There are eight (8) traffic lights from Highland to Argyle Street. With only one line of people on each side of the street, shoulder to shoulder, I'm sure we'd get well over their number of '3000' spectators. Most curbs were 3-5 people deep!

The only point I can give them credit for, is the fact that at least they DID mention it! Did anybody see anything in the greatly circulated Times? How long can they just ignore us and hope we'll go away?

However, they did mention the parents of homosexuals. The "Mothers Float" is most significant to me

and to anyone who tries to understand gay people. God has included His love for us and so has many of the parents of MCC members. If only more could show us their love and support, then there would be less suicides and troubled gay people.

Let's stamp out those "Stay-Away From-Home-Checks" and get more "Come Home-Tickets!"

Marty Seneca

WELCOME AND THANKS

The MCC Thursday night Alcoholics Together Group had a buffet this Thursday before they had their meeting. Baked beans, ham, cold slaw, jello, punch, coffee and cookies rounded out a well planned evening. There was plenty for everyone who came to the meeting.

The group was given a talk by one of the more interesting speakers of Alcoholics Anonymous. Wayne K. led the meeting; a first for him and he did an excellent job.

There were several new friends present at the meeting. Some learned about the group from the MCC Crisis Intervention Committee. The members of C.I.C. have always played a very important part in the success of Alcoholics Together. Everytime a new member joins our fellowship through the efforts of C.I.C., another member of our community is given a chance at a most rewarding way of life. Our hats are off to the MCC Crisis Intervention Committee. Many thanks from way down deep.

Alcoholics Together meets every Thursday evening. The meeting starts at 8:30 when the leader says, "Hello, everybody, my name is 'Jean West'. I am an alcoholic and a homosexual."

You are invited to come and be with us. If you want to really help someone, bring one of your alcoholic friends to a meeting of Alcoholics Together.

Come early. Have a cup of coffee with us before the meeting starts.

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SAN DIEGO RETREAT

JULY 9 - 11

The first retreat of MCC San Diego is still being planned by Deacon Gus Gonzalez and Richard Manning, under the guiding eyes of Rev. John Hose and Deacon Howard Williams.

This event is scheduled to take place on the weekend of July 9, 10, & 11, starting Friday evening and ending Sunday afternoon. The place is Mt. Palomar -- with rooming arrangements being a la dormitory style with bunk beds being set up by the group. The church has already paid \$100.00 to make sure the facilities are ours for the weekend.

The cost to an individual, which includes both room and board, is \$20.00 per person (there are no special 'family rates'). A very rough and tentative schedule of events is given below. But now is the time to get an application and to pay at least \$10.00 of the \$20.00 due. See Deacon Howard Williams or Bill Puryear for your application now. MCC San Diego is committed to this event, so now it is your turn to commit yourself.

FRIDAY: pm--Registration and assignment of quarters.

7:30--Dinner

8:30--Brief worship period (Rev. John Hose conducting this service)

9:00--General Meeting in which the rules, purpose and outline of the retreat will be given.

--Encounter groups

SATURDAY: --Sunrise swim

--Morning watch and personal meditation period.

8:30--Breakfast

9:30--Group meeting with the following areas being covered:

Spiritual Life-Al Ewing
Publications-John Wild Jr.

Social-Alan Davis

Stewardship-Richard Manning

Services-Mary Cluck

Education-Deacon Williams

Membership-Alan Stageberg

Legal-Alan Smith

Missionary-Deacon Markham

Building-Deacon Gonzalez

Finance-Deacon Cunningham

Music-Kenneth Herman

Outreach-Rev. John Hose

Youth Group-Bud Berk

12:00--Lunch

1:30--Group meeting (continued)

3:00--Recreation

6:30--Dinner

7:30--Recreation including a dance, group singing and campfire, and movie

SUNDAY:

--Sunrise swim

--Morning watch and personal meditation

--Breakfast

10:00--Report of Group Meeting

11:00--Lunch

---Return to San Diego

As can be seen by the schedule, there are a lot of activities planned, with mainly discussion groups regarding the various aspects of each area of operation within the church. Although not firmed up as yet, most discussions will be formed around how each aspect can be improved to reach more people and to get more people involved in the church.

All interested persons are urged to take part in this Retreat. For information and application forms, see Rev. Hose or one of the Seminary Students.

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR OF MCC

NO ONE is to play the piano or organ unless they are one of the Church pianists or organists. This is due to extreme repair costs that we do not need.

William Smith



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